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## AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BENT & BLACK, San Francisco.

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## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

I have this day authorized Mr. J. Y. V. SEAW to sign my name per procuratione.  
A. MACG. HEATON.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

### NOTICE.

FROM this date and until further notice, Mr. G. DE CHAMPAGNE will act, at this Port, as Agent of the above Company. By Order of the Directors.  
C. BERTRAND.  
Hongkong, January 29, 1876.

### NOTICE.

MR. OTTO GRABE has been admitted a Partner in our Firm from 1st January, 1876.  
E. MEYER & Co.  
Hamburg, January 1876. f618

### NOTICE.

WE have Established branches of our Firm at Hongkong and Shanghai. Mr. E. CONSTANTIN is authorized to sign by procuration in Tongkin.  
LANDSTEIN & Co.  
Hongkong, December 31, 1875.

### NOTICE.

HAVING resigned my situation in the YUKS-FAT HONG, I have this day established myself as Merchant and Commission Agent under the style of SUN GHAN & Co.  
C. SUN GHAN.  
Hongkong, November 11, 1875.

### NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between JOSEPH THORNE and JOHN ANDREW MAITLAND, under the style of Thorne Brothers & Co., is this day dissolved by effluxion of time; either partner is authorized to sign the firm in liquidation.  
THORNE BROTHERS & Co.  
Dec. 31, 1875.

WITH reference to the above, the Business of the late Firm of Thorne Brothers & Co. will be conducted in future by the Underigned, under the style of MAITLAND & Co., and Mr. JOHN GRAMER PURDON is authorized to sign the firm.  
J. A. MAITLAND.  
Shanghai, Jan. 1, 1876.

### NOTICE.

REFERRING to the foregoing advertisement, our Firm at Shanghai is temporarily closed from this date its outstanding business will be attended to by Mr. JOHN G. PURDON, to whom all communications should be addressed.  
Our Firm and business at Hongkong, Foochow, and Canton, will be carried on as heretofore the interest and responsibility of Mr. JOHN G. PURDON remaining therein unchanged.  
PURDON & Co.  
China, Jan. 1, 1876. f610

## Auctions.

### GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Sale Room, Praya, on

### FRIDAY,

the 4th February, 1876, at Noon,—  
Tumblers, Carafes and Ups, Chisels, Files, Porcelain Flower Vases, Water Globets.  
Plate Iron, assorted sizes.  
T and Angle Iron.  
Sheet Lead and Zinc.  
Copper Rods and Copper Piping.  
And, on account of the concerned, Ex S.S. "Leyle," Damaged by sea water,  
87 coils Manila Rope, 1 1/2 to 5 1/2 inch.  
8 bags Manila Coffee.  
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.17. The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.  
Hongkong, Feb. 1, 1876. f61

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

### SATURDAY,

the 5th day of February, 1876, at his Sales Room, Queen's Road Central, at 2 p.m.,

THE whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE of Major BRADSHAW and Dr McFALL, of H. M. 80th Regt., who are leaving the Colony, consisting of:—  
Green Rep Covered Couches, Arm Chairs, Settees, Drawing-room Chairs, Marble-top Centre and Side Tables, Tea-Poy, Pier Glasses, Chandeliers, Curtains, etc., etc. Dining Tables and Chairs, Whist-tables, Side-boards, Book-cases, Engravings, Ice Chests, Plates, Crockery and Glassware, etc., etc. Portable Iron Bedsteads and Mattresses, Wooden Bedsteads complete, Wardrobes, Chest of Drawers, Marble-top Washstands and Services, Sofas, Marble-top Toilet Tables, and Glasses, Ladies' and Gentlemen's SEDAN CHAIRS, and a Semi-grand PIANO, by Otto Bros.  
At 3 p.m.—A Dog Cart, Pony and Harness, complete; a Basket Carriage and Harness, complete; Saddles and Bridles, etc., etc.  
See Catalogues.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17.  
J. M. GUNDES JR., Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, Jan. 31, 1876. f61

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underigned has received instructions from Messrs A. K. KING & Co., to sell by Public Auction without reserve, at their Furniture Depot, No. 2, Zetland Street, on

### MONDAY,

the 7th day of February, 1876, at 2 o'clock p.m.,—

The whole of their well-selected Stock of English and Colonial Furniture, comprising:—  
English made Mahogany Drawing Room Suite, Colonial-made Drawing, Dining and Bed Room Suites, in Green Rep.

English made Walnut Cheffonier, with glass, English made Mahogany Telescope Dining Table, English and Colonial made Teak and Rosewood Sideboards, Wagons and Side Tables, Marble Sideboard with Glass, Double-wing Wardrobes, English made Mahogany Wardrobes, English Walnut Centre Tables, Colonial made Marble top Centre Tables, Teakwood Marble-top Washstands and Toilet Tables, Toilet Glasses, Glass Book Case, English made Card Tables, Iron and Wooden Bedsteads, Pier Glasses, 2, 3, and 4-burner Gasaliers, Gas Brackets, Clocks, Carpets, Engravings, Oil Paintings, Office Desks, Copying Press, Dinner and Dessert Sets, Glassware, Plated-ware, &c., &c., &c.  
Also,  
One Piano, by Stodart, New York.  
One Piano, by Collard & Collard.  
And,  
A Cottage Piano.  
Catalogues will be issued.  
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.  
J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, Jan. 31, 1876. f67



MESSRS LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been instructed to sell by Public Auction, on

### WEDNESDAY,

the 9th February, 1876, at 2 o'clock p.m., at Stanley Barracks,—

IN Lots,  
The Materials of the Buildings situated on the Military Cantonment, as they now stand, with the exception of the foundations and retaining walls.

The purchasers will be required to clear and remove from the ground the rubbish on each lot.

The lots may now be viewed, and full particulars obtained on application at the Control Reserve Stores, Queen's Road, East, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.17.  
C. R. SHERVINTON, Lieut. Colonel, Assistant Controller.

Control Office,  
Hongkong, Jan. 11, 1876. f69

N.B.—For the convenience of intending purchasers, a Steam Launch will leave Pedder's Wharf, on the morning of the sale, at 10 o'clock, for Stanley.

## Intimations.

### NOTICE.

In the Estate of SIDNEY DRACON, deceased.

ALL Persons having CLAIMS against the above Estate are requested to forward the same to the Underigned at once, and all Persons indebted to the Estate are requested to make immediate payment to

G. M. SMITH, Attorney for the Executors.

Canton, February 1, 1876. f610

## Entertainments.

**THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, HONGKONG.**  
DAVE CARSON'S MINSTRELS.

**This Evening, FEBRUARY 8th, 1876.**

DAVE CARSON Will appear for the last time in Hongkong, in his

GRAND ANGLICAN IMPERATOR, "THE BENGALIEE SABOO," AND

DAVEJEE CARSONBOY, THE BOMBAY PARROT.

MESSRS. HENRI AND TALBOT, In New Songs, Solos, and Dances.

MRS. D. CARSON Will sing one of her CHARMING FRENCH BALLADS.

BEAUTIFUL SONGS AND GLORIOUS FUN!!

RESERVED STALLS, ONE DOLLAR.  
DRESS CIRCLE, TWO DOLLARS.

PROGRAMME.

PART FIRST.  
Mrs. CARSON will preside at the Pianoforte.

Introductory Overture, DAVE CARSON'S (Original) Minstrel.

Kiss Me Mother ere I Die, Mr. G. H. HENRI.

The Language of Love, DAVE CARSON.

Put Me in My Little Bed, Mr. J. C. TALBOT.

I know something, DAVE CARSON.

Don't be Angry with Me, G. H. HENRI.

Darling, I WOULD BE PART FIRST, MERRY IS THE MINSTREL'S LIFE, BY THE GAZETTE MESOPOTAMIA.

INTERVAL OF TEN MINUTES.

PART SECOND.  
Cavatina, ROBERT LE DIABLE, Mrs. D. CARSON.

AUNTY SMITH IN DEFENCE OF THE FAIR SEX, DAVE CARSON.

American Song and Dance, NELL, THE BELLE, Mr. G. H. HENRI.

REMINISCENCES OF DRURY LANE, Mr. J. C. TALBOT.

The Lover and the Bird, Mrs. D. CARSON.

Part Second will conclude with THE ORIGINAL BENGALIEE SABOO, BY DAVE CARSON.

Who will sing GOOD-BYE SWEETHEART AND SWEET SPIRIT HEAR MY PRAYER.

AN INTERVAL OF FIVE MINUTES.

The Evening's Entertainment will Conclude with the Lovable Operatic Burlesque, entitled

"THE BANDIT'S BRIDE," OR

FIRST SHE WOULD AND THEN SHE WOULDN'T."

DISTRIBUTION OF CHARACTERS:  
Mlle. (Orator) PATTY, SIGNORA TALBOTINI, Senior Elvino Marzio, MRS. HERRINGTON, Don Juan Fernandez, SIGNOR ORBESANT, Davejee Carsonboy, DAVE CARSON.

Introducing the Southern Plantation Song and Dance, "COME DOWN WITH THE BRASS TACKS."

## Entertainments.

**THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.**

Under the Distinguished Patronage of His Excellency Sir ARTHUR KENNEDY, K.C.M.G., C.B.

THE French "OPERA COMIQUE TROUPE," lately of PARIS, LONDON, ST. PETERSBURG, NEW YORK and SAIGON, Will have the honor of giving their First Performance!

ON

**MONDAY NEXT, February 7th, 1876.**

"La Fille de Madame Angot," Opera Comique in Three Acts, by CHARLES LECOCQ.

ACCOMPANIED BY MR. L'AUROY, UPRIGHT PIANOFORTE.

For Particulars, See Programme.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:  
Dress Circle and Stalls, \$2.  
Back Seats, 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900, 1000, 1100, 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800, 1900, 2000, 2100, 2200, 2300, 2400, 2500, 2600, 2700, 2800, 2900, 3000, 3100, 3200, 3300, 3400, 3500, 3600, 3700, 3800, 3900, 4000, 4100, 4200, 4300, 4400, 4500, 4600, 4700, 4800, 4900, 5000, 5100, 5200, 5300, 5400, 5500, 5600, 5700, 5800, 5900, 6000, 6100, 6200, 6300, 6400, 6500, 6600, 6700, 6800, 6900, 7000, 7100, 7200, 7300, 7400, 7500, 7600, 7700, 7800, 7900, 8000, 8100, 8200, 8300, 8400, 8500, 8600, 8700, 8800, 8900, 9000, 9100, 9200, 9300, 9400, 9500, 9600, 9700, 9800, 9900, 10000.

Doors open at 8 o'clock; Performance to commence at 9.

Tickets may be had and seats secured at Messrs. KINGS & Co., also at the door of the Theatre, on the night of Performance.

Hongkong, February 2, 1876. f61

## Banks.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

INCORPORATED BY NATIONAL DECREE OF 7TH AND 28TH MARCH, 1848.

BY IMPERIAL DECREE OF 25TH JULY, 1854, AND 31ST DECEMBER, 1868.

Recognized by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30TH APRIL, 1863.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 50,000,000 FRANKS.  
RESERVE FUND, 30,000,000 FRANKS.

HEAD OFFICE.—14, Rue Bergère, Paris.

LONDON AGENTS.—144, Leadenhall St., E.C.

AGENTS.—At Nantes, Lyons, Marseilles, Brussels, Bombay, Calcutta, St. Denis (Ile de la Réunion), Hongkong, Shanghai and Yokohama.

LONDON BANKERS.—Bank of England, Union Bank of London.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the monthly minimum balance, and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained at the office.

CH. DE GUIGNÉ, Manager.

Offices in Hongkong: Bank Buildings, Queen's Road, Hongkong, May 14, 1875.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 DOLLARS.  
RESERVE FUND, 1,000,000 DOLLARS.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman.—AD. ARDAS, Esq.

Deputy Chairman.—E. R. BELLING, Esq.

J. F. COHEN, Esq. S. W. POMEROY, Esq.

H. HOPE, Esq. F. D. SAMSON, Esq.

A. MOLYNE, Esq.

CHINA MANAGER.

Hongkong, JAMES GARRIE, Esq.

Shanghai, EWMAN CAMERON, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
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## For Sale.

## TAKASIMA COLLIERY.

JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co., Agents.

## FOR SALE.

FRESH Takasima COAL, in lots to suit purchasers. Large, Handpicked, Double-sorted at \$8 per Ton. SMALL, at \$6 per Ton.

Apply to  
T. G. GLOVER,  
No. 7, Queen's Road and at East Point.  
Hongkong, December 8, 1875.

## FOR SALE.

## THE UNDERMENTIONED LAND AND BUILDINGS.

AT HONGKONG:—  
INLAND LOT 82.—The well-known House and Offices lately occupied by Messrs A. Heard & Co., adjoining the Cathedral Compound.

The Ground below the masonry retaining wall of the above, abutting on the Queen's Road.

Annual Crown rent, \$800.48.

MAINE LOT 111, WANOBAL.—First-class and extensive Godowns.

Annual Crown rent, \$324.

INLAND LOT 591.—Situated on the Bonham Road and one of the finest sites for Villa residences in the Colony.

Annual Crown rent, \$78.78.

FAIR LOT 17, POKEQUOLM, adjoining Messrs Butterfield & Swire's premises.

Annual Crown rent, \$25.

## AT KOWLOONG:—

MAINE LOT 4.—With a frontage of 100 feet on the Praya, and with an area of 30,000 feet.

Reduced Annual Crown rent, \$10.

## AT YOKOHAMA:—

LOTS No. 6 AND No. 27 in the Foreign Settlement.

No. 6 is situated on the Bund, and comprises an eight-roomed Dwelling House, detached, with Garden all round, Offices, Godowns, Servants' Quarters and Out-houses. Area 1,064 Tanbos of 36 square feet.

Annual Ground rent, \$263.78.

No. 27 is separated from No. 6 by Water Street and comprises large Tea Firing and other Godowns, Floss Silk Press, Compresses, Quarters, Stabling and Fire Engine House. Area, 554 Tanbos.

Ground rent, \$184.97 per annum.

Applications for purchase, or further information, to be made to

## J. WHITFIELD,

Trustee of A. Heard & Co.'s Estate,  
25, Queen's Road, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, February 1, 1876.

## Intimations.

## NOTICE.

DESIGNS for the Construction of a CATHEDRAL CHURCH in SAIGON are invited by the Government of Saigon. The cost of erection is estimated at 800,000 francs. Plans and Designs will be exhibited on the 1st of July, 1876, and a Judge to be the best by the jury.

The conditions of the competition may be seen at the China Mail and Daily Press offices; also at the French Consulate, Hongkong, January 31, 1876.

## NOTIFICATION.

A COPY of the Jury List for 1876 is posted at the Supreme Court House for inspection. Notice of any inaccuracies, omissions, objections, &c., must be given to the Registrar on or before MONDAY, the 14th day of February A.D., 1876, in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of Ordinance No. 11 of 1864.

It is further notified that no person whose name is on the list as a Juror will be excused from service on the ground of any exemption to which he may be entitled, or on the ground of any want of qualification, unless such exemption shall have been claimed and established, or such want of qualification duly proved, at or before the time above specified.

## F. S. HUFFAM,

Deputy Registrar.  
Hongkong, January 31, 1876.

## Notices to Consignees.

## BRITISH BARK COLDSTREAM,

## FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-mentioned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

## VOGEL, HAGEDORN &amp; Co.,

Agents.  
Hongkong, January 15, 1876.

## BRITISH SHIP GRYFE, FROM

## LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-mentioned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

## VOGEL, HAGEDORN &amp; Co.,

Agents.  
Hongkong, December 30, 1875.

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

## MARITIMES.

## S. S. DJEMNAH.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the S. S. "DJEMNAH," from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained from Monday, the 15th instant, at 10 a.m.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded only, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before 11 a.m. To-morrow, registering it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Under-mentioned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Friday, the 4th instant, 1876, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

## O. BERTRAND,

Principal Agent.  
Hongkong, January 29, 1876.

## Notices to Consignees.

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

## MARITIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-mentioned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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Ex Anadyr, November 22, 1875.

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Ex Anadyr, January 16, 1876.

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Ex Anadyr, January 21, 1876.

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

S. S. GENOA.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk, by Messrs Nohron & Co., into their Godowns, whence and from the Wharf or boats, delivery may be obtained.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 4th proximo will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 28, 1876.

## NOTICE.

TO CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL CARGO, EX O. S. S. CO.'S S.S. MENELAUS, FROM LIVERPOOL.

SHIPPING Orders must be obtained from the Under-mentioned not later than the 7th inst., for shipment per S. S. Menelaus.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, February 1, 1876.

BRITISH STEAMSHIP "CROCUS,"

Joy, Master, FROM LONDON VIA SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Under-mentioned, from whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to take their Goods from the boats alongside the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Goods remaining in store after the 11th February will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary is given until 12 o'clock on the 1st February.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by Wm. PUSTAU & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 31, 1876.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per German

Baguette IRIS, Weyden, Master, immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by Wm. PUSTAU & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 8, 1876.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## HONGKONG &amp; SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in the Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 17th current, at Two o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1875.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
JAMES GREIG, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 8, 1876.

## HONGKONG &amp; SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

## NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 17th current, (both days included), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
JAMES GREIG, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 8, 1876.

## Occidental &amp; Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

## TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE,

## IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL

## AND UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES.

## AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "OCANIC" will be dispatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on WEDNESDAY, the 1st March, at 5 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of 25th instant. Rates of Passage will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Postage should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Return Passage Tickets available for 6 months are issued at a reduction of 50 per cent. on regular rates.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, Pigeon Post.

G. B. EMERY, Joint Agent.

Hongkong, February 8, 1876.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## STEAM TO YOKOHAMA.

The P. & O. S. S. Co.'s S.S. "BOMBAY" will leave for the above place on FRIDAY, the 4th inst., at Daylight.

Hongkong, February 8, 1876.

## STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for SHANGHAI HONGKONG.)

The P. & O. S. S. Co.'s S.S. "GOLDONDA" will leave for the above place on FRIDAY, the 4th inst., at Noon.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI, Agents.

Hongkong, February 8, 1876.

## FOR NINGPO &amp; SHANGHAI.

The Steamship "AMOI" will be dispatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 4th instant, at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, February 8, 1876.

## FOR MANILA.

The Steamship "ESMERALDA" Captain THERIAULT, will have immediate despatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to A. MACDONALD, Agent.

Hongkong, February 8, 1876.

## NOTICE.

M. MAYER ELIAS SASSOON has been admitted a Partner in our Firm from the 1st January ultimo.

E. D. SASSOON & Co.

Hongkong, February 8, 1876.

## NOTICE.

THE Under-mentioned have entered into Co-partnership from the First day of January, 1876, in the Business of Shipbrokers at this Port, under the style of MORRIS & RAY.

A. G. MORRIS, E. C. RAY.

Bank Buildings, Hongkong, February 8, 1876.

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

Feb. 2, Golconda, British steamer, 1283, Anderson, Bombay Jan. 11, Galle 10, Penang 23, Singapore 25, Mails and General—P. & O. Co.

Feb. 3, Hoching, Chinese steamer, 840, Peterson, Penang Jan. 17, Singapore 24, General—C. M. S. N. Co.

Feb. 3, Namoa, British steamer, 862, Westoby, Saigon Jan. 24, Rioa—Doveles LAPELLE & Co.

Feb. 3, Puyet, from Canton.

Feb. 3, Amoy, from Canton.

Feb. 3, Kirkland, British barque, 453, College, Newcastle (N.S.W.) Dec. 1, Coal—LAWSON & Co.

## DEPARTURES.

Feb. 3, Crocus, for Shanghai.

3, Esméralda, for Amoy.

3, Ceylon, for Singapore, &c.

3, Galle, for Yokohama and San Francisco.

3, Deu, for Saigon.

3, Kate Tatham, for Whampoa.

3, Juan F. Pearson, for Singapore.

3, Paradise, for Hongkong.

## CLEARED.

Lochiel, for Whampoa.

Hoching, for Amoy.

Puyet, for Shanghai.

Amoy, for Ningpo and Shanghai.

## PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.—Per Golconda, for Hongkong, from Southampton, Messrs J. Brown and W. Moffatt; from Gibraltar, Lieut. dos Dorez, and Mr. A. M. dos Corraes; from Penang, 2 Chinese; from Singapore, Miss Cooke, Captain Tortol and Merliani; and 1 Chinese. For Swatow, from Penang, 1 Chinese. For Yokohama, from Singapore, Dr. R. A. Barker.

Per Namoa, 3 Chinese.

Per Hoching, 110 Chinese.

DEPARTED.—Per Galle, for Yokohama, Messrs J. Battle, S. Vidal, and one European. For San Francisco, Messrs J. Hall Don, Wm. Nelson, and 64 Chinese.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Namoa reports: had strong N.E. gales with head sea until the 24th Jan. when anchored in Phoua Bay, labour, owing to stress of weather. Weighted anchor on the 25th, but had to anchor again in Gaoling Bay for 18 hours. Thence to port moderate weather and heavy head swell.

The Chinese steamer Hoching reports: first part of passage had moderate N.E. winds and fine weather, along the Cochin China Coast strong N.E. winds and heavy head swell, thence to port fine weather.

## CARGO.

Per Ceylon, to England, from Hongkong 8 cases Silk, Shanghai 60 bales and 6 cases silk, and 5 bales Waste Silk; Yokohama 87 bales Silk.

To Continent, from Hongkong 6 bales Silk; Shanghai 3 cases Silk; Yokohama 111 bales Silk.

To Boston, from Shanghai 1,868 chests Tea.

## POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS BY STEAM.

For SHANGHAI HANKOW, NINGPO, NAGASAKI, CHERPOO, TAKU, TIENTSIN & PEKING.

Per GOLCONDA, all a.m. To-morrow, the 4th instant. Late Letters from 11.10 to 11.30 a.m.

Per SHANGHAI, all a.m. To-morrow, the 4th inst.

Per NINGPO & SHANGHAI, all a.m. To-morrow, the 4th inst.

Per AMOY, at 4.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 4th inst.

Per SWATOW, at 7.30 a.m. on Saturday, the 5th inst.

Per HONGKONG, at 10.30 a.m. on Saturday, the 5th inst.

Per SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW, at 5 p.m. Saturday, the 5th inst.

Per SINGAPORE & PENANG, at 5 p.m. Saturday, the 5th inst.

Per FOOCHOW, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, the 14th inst.

## POST OFFICE NOTIFICATION.

MAILS BY STEAM.

The French Contract Packet ANADYR, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 10th February, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom via Marseilles to Europe, Saigon, Singapore, Galle, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.

## MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—Bombay leaves for Yokohama.

Noon.—Golconda leaves for Shanghai.

5 p.m.—Amoy leaves for Ningpo and Shanghai.

Goods per Golconda undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Goods per Diemah undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.

## Auctions.

Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.

The publication of this issue commences at 7.30 p.m.

## MARRIAGE.

On the 15th Dec., at Christ Church, Ealing, by the Rev. George Goddard, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Platform, assisted by the Rev. Thomas Wright, B.A., John B. Bishop, of the Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London, and China, to Fanny Wright, youngest daughter of William Wright, M.A. of Newmarket.

On the 14th Dec., at Paris, Prosper Giquel, of Foochow, to Mlle. R. do Lavison.

## DEATH.

On the 4th Dec., at Marseilles, Eduardo Jose da Silva Loureiro, Consul-General for Portugal in Japan, aged 41.

## THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEB. 8, 1876.

We are glad to notice that the Report of the Chamber of Commerce presented this day deals in a satisfactory manner with several questions, which have of late provoked considerable discussion. The Blockade of the port by Customs Cruisers naturally forms the first of the most important topics touched on; and the Chairman has sensibly embodied the general view in declaring that, in view of the interest shown in the matter by H. M. Principal Secretary of State, it devolves upon the Chamber to use whatever means may be found most advantageous to strengthen the hands of H. E. the Governor as far as possible in the recommendations he has put forward. The letter addressed to Earl Carnarvon fully meets this suggestion, and will doubtless have a beneficial effect.

On the subject of the Stamp Act the proposals for a revision of some of its details appear to have received very careful attention on the part of the gentlemen selected to report on the subject. The Committee made some practical and sensible, but we refrain from further allusion to them until we publish the report in full. As regards the opening of Tonquin we are somewhat disappointed to find that the Committee have formed an unfavourable opinion of the advantages presented by the two ports as yet visited. They have not yet, however, availed themselves of the funds voted for sending a delegate to enquire more fully into the matter, and a different impression may yet be produced when the capabilities of the country are better estimated. The promised opening of K'ung-chow is approvingly noticed, though the Chamber fully confirms our recent assertion that Pak-hoi would have been regarded as preferable. Should it prove however that the step to be taken in the inauguration of a new line of policy towards China the Chamber deems the opening of K'ung-chow a matter for congratulation. It is pleasing to note that the question of postal rates is also occupying the attention of the Chamber, and that a protest against the exorbitant sums now charged is being addressed to the Postmaster-General, in conjunction with a similar despatch from the Shanghai Chamber. We are at some loss to understand why an expression of opinion regarding the new telegraphic tariff is not also to be found in the Report. It was discussed at the meeting, but the universal feeling would have been better represented had the Report embodied opinions which have been freely expressed on all sides, since the change was made.

The internal affairs of the Chamber call for but slight comment. Three members have retired during the past year, and a new Committee was elected this afternoon. Mr. Bakeman resigns the appointment of Secretary, and Dr. Dennis is elected to the vacancy. The library appears to have had some valuable additions made to it during the twelve months. The funds show a slight falling off, but not to any material extent. Altogether the Report is one of the most satisfactory we have seen for some time. Fortunately, any omissions in the subjects dealt with were supplied by speakers at the meeting, as will be seen by our report of the meeting given in another column.



was how to meet the Military Contribution, which, owing to the serious decline in exchange, would now be larger than before. As the Government had admitted that the Special Fund can be used, he did not see why it should not be stretched even for this. Referring to the opening of Tongkin, the Chairman remarked that there was little information before the Chamber, as it was difficult to learn much about the place. There did not seem to be any large rush of mercantile establishments to the place, and it would be a "minor" of years before the trade could develop, which at present was not very important. Concerning the opening of Kiangchow, the Chairman might call for remarks from some members who may not agree with the Committee. Of Postal rates, the Chamber's Committee had not expressed an opinion; though it was very hard that we had to pay so much more to England than to any other part of Europe. The Chairman then came to the retirement of their Secretary. He was sure that every member would regret the Secretary's retirement, and with him hope that he would by his removal better his prospects. They would all agree as to the efficient manner in which he had discharged his duties (applause). As Chairman he could say that on every occasion the Secretary had shown great zeal for the welfare of the Chamber: he had always been most ready and willing to aid the Committee with any correspondence that was in hand. The Chairman concluded by remarking that the Funds were added by retaining the same as the loss of several members, but hoped that new members would soon fill up the list. He moved the adoption of the Report, and the Secretary's account.

Mr. Greig seconded this proposition. In reply to an observation made by Mr. G. H. Farn, Mr. Greig read the report of the Sub-Committee on the changes suggested in the Stamp Act Schedule. Mr. Sharp rose to thank Mr. Greig for the trouble he took in reading the report, and to thank the Committee for the movement which produced results so satisfactory. As regards the Stamp duty memorial, he would offer his individual protest against any reduction of the duty on any of the items. He had some knowledge of the Chinese, and from his experience of them, he knew they were very well satisfied with the tax, which, if reduced, would produce a deficiency in the revenue, and to make up for this deficiency, a new tax in another form must be imposed. The Chinese felt already the great pressure of taxes on them now, and if they had to meet any new tax, the pressure would be unbearable. The Stamp law affected the banks chiefly, but the shareholders of the banks here were chiefly men resident at home. He did not see why men out here should be enjoying their ease should reap the benefit of their toll. He agreed, however, with the view that the sale of duty for a loan of \$3,000 being the same as \$500,000 was not fair.

The Chairman then proposed the adoption of the Committee's report for the past year, and advised to the draft letter which was proposed to be sent to the Earl of Carnarvon on the blockade question. The members were asked to approve of the general tenor of it. If any one had any alterations to make, he could either do so now or leave the matter with the Committee. Mr. Sharp thanked the Committee for the pains they had taken in the matter. He was glad to observe that the Chamber had been wise in refraining from quiting that portion of Sir Arthur's suggestions regarding the removal of all cruisers except those employed directly by the Empire. The Chamber was very wise in making that, because it was really the Hoppo's cruises from which we suffered. He then remarked on the satisfaction with which he saw that one of the most prominent members of the community, Mr. Whitall, had come forward with his influential assistance in this matter, and for this help he thought they ought to be very grateful to him. Mr. Sharp then proposed the adoption of this letter in its general tenor.

The Hon. W. Kerwick rose to make some alterations which he then read. He thought the propositions were only a compromise with the Chinese Government, which admitted its right to blockade Hongkong. He considered that nothing short of the removal of the Customs stations, and cruisers from the approaches to the Colony could give Hongkong the relief which she was entitled to as a British Colony (hear). These amendments having been read, Mr. Sharp proposed the adoption of the letter. The proposition was seconded by Mr. Hoppus and unanimously carried.

The Chairman then proceeded to the consideration of the paragraph in the report referring to the Stamp Act. He asked the meeting to state whether further action in the matter was necessary or not. His own view was that the tax was too heavy, and that it was only just that relief should be given. For instance, the charge of \$5 for a power of attorney was too much. Of course, if the power of attorney referred to the transference of a large business, the amount was not too much, but if it was given for the purpose of only transferring some shares, the duty would be too heavy.

The Hon. W. Kerwick thought further steps were not necessary, and made a proposition to that effect. Mr. Andrews seconded.

Mr. H. H. Nelson proposed an amendment. He thought the method of collecting the duty was not satisfactory. It did not come upon the people fairly and equitably. It was unfair that the same rate should be charged on a promissory note for \$5,000, or \$50,000, or \$500,000, or the same duty on a draft for \$100 as for \$1,000. He said that the note issue was a great convenience.

Mr. Cordes seconded the amendment. Mr. De Gidgus spoke partly in favour of, and partly against, the amendment. He saw no reason why the issuing banks should not stop their issues, and that the Government should only issue. This was done in India.

Mr. Hoppus also spoke in favour of the amendment. He considered a tax of half a million dollars was too heavy on Hongkong. The amendment was then put, and carried by a great majority.

The Chairman next referred to the Postal Rates. He said this subject was now engaging the attention of the Committee, and that the Chamber should act in concert with the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce, which was corresponding on the subject. He then asked whether it was true that

the French mail steamers carried letters from Saigon to Marseilles for the French Government at a shilling per letter.

The Chairman was understood to reply in the negative. The following Committee was then selected by ballot: Messrs. André, Kahn, Bellion, Karberg, Nelson, Kerwick, Dalrymple, Ryrie, and Hoppus. There was a tie between Messrs. Jackson and Hoppus, but the former begged to yield the victory to the latter.

Mr. Ryrie then proposed that the Hon. W. Kerwick take the chair, and Mr. Kahn the vice-chair.

Mr. Kerwick said he was much obliged for the offer, but he had some diffidence in accepting it. He thought that in view of the able way in which Mr. Ryrie had discharged the duties of Chairman, he ought to be asked to continue.

Mr. Ryrie hesitated, but said he would leave it to the meeting. (Applause.) This appeared to settle the matter.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Kahn, Mr. Kerwick was elected Vice-Chairman.

The Chairman proposed, and Mr. Cordes seconded, that the selection of Dr. N. B. Denney as secretary be confirmed by the Meeting. The proposition was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Kerwick then said that the changes recently promulgated in regard to telegraphic charges had brought their excess home to them so vividly that it was not necessary to remind them that most strenuous efforts should be made to get a change effected. Not only the actual charges but the arrangements and rules by which messages were received and forwarded required revision. He was glad to see that in England very strong opposition had been expressed, and it was desirable that they should do the same thing on this side. Doubtless the other ports would join their representations, or take independent action in the matter; and he thought that, as soon as they properly understood the working of the present rules, they should address the proper authorities in order to get some amelioration of the conditions. He thought this should be taken up at once by the Committee.

Mr. Ryrie, in seconding this motion, agreed with Mr. Kerwick that this should be taken in hand at once. There was nothing more vexatious and as might say absurd than the present telegraphic rules and charges. He was certain that the Companies would lose by their new rates, though their object might be to take away business from Reuters' and other agencies. For his own part, he certainly would now be very careful to telegraph as little as possible; and now that these regulations had come into force he would cut down his expenditure under that head materially. This point should be particularly brought before those Companies, and he hoped that a unanimous opinion would have a good effect. They ought to express the views of the mercantile community very firmly on this subject.

Mr. Nelson had an impression that the Telegraph Companies would gain by the change. The Companies were somewhat arbitrary in their manner; but he thought there was no necessity for dealing with the question of loss or gain. They would soon find that out for themselves.

Mr. Ryrie admitted that, if the Telegraph Companies found it paid them, all the Chambers of Commerce in the world would make them alter the present rules.

Mr. Kahn remarked that, as the Great Northern had been more liberal than the Southern Company, they ought to bring pressure to bear on the latter.

Mr. Ryrie said by the Northern line. Mr. Karberg observed that a new line was proposed. They should assist it as much as possible; it was their only remedy.

Mr. Kahn was understood to say that the Extension line pleaded that they could not help it, as the Indian Government insisted on taxing all messages passing over their lines.

The Chairman said there was no other business before them; and the meeting then separated.

The following is the Report: The Committee beg to place before the Members of the Chamber the following Report of their proceedings for the year ending 31st December, 1875.

**The Blockade of the Port of Hongkong by Chinese Customs Cruisers.**—This question still continues the leading topic of the Annual Report, but the Committee view with much satisfaction the progress, that has been made during the past year, towards a better understanding of the whole question by the Home Government, and there is every reason to believe, that satisfactory results are now about to be obtained.

Since the last meeting of the Chamber, a reply to the Memorial was received from Lord Carnarvon, and lately, a number of despatches upon the subject have been sent by His Excellency the Governor, before the Legislative Council, which point to a definite policy on the part of Her Majesty's Government with respect to the subject, which, if supported and pressed, must prove beneficial to local interests.

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Mr. Hoppus also spoke in favour of the amendment. He considered a tax of half a million dollars was too heavy on Hongkong. The amendment was then put, and carried by a great majority.

Have not thought it advisable to avail of the funds voted at the last annual meeting for the purpose of sending down a delegate on behalf of the Chamber.

**Opening of the Port of Kiangchow in the Island of Hainan.**—The Local Government have informed the Chamber, that a despatch has been received from Sir Thomas Francis Wade, K.C.B., to the effect that the above port is shortly to be opened to British trade.

This announcement should, in some degree, be satisfactory to this Chamber, as it advocates the opening of the port some years ago. Since then, however, more recent and accurate reports of its capabilities as a place of trade, have been received by the Chamber, and these reports being by no means favourable, the Committee would have heard with greater satisfaction, that a port on the mainland of China was going to be opened, say that of Peking.

Should it, however, prove (and the Committee think it may be possible) that this step is to be taken as the inauguration of a new line of policy towards China, and that for the future the British Government intend to insist on the observance by China of all her Treaty obligations, which she has so notoriously evaded of late years, then the opening of Kiangchow may be a subject for congratulation.

**Postal Rates.**—The Committee have had this question under consideration, and they are now in correspondence with the Shanghai Chamber, in order that both bodies may co-operate in making representations to the Postmaster General, with a view to obtaining some reduction upon the rates now charged upon all correspondence from the various ports of China.

**Members.**—During the past year, the following members have retired from the Chamber:—The Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Co., Limited, Baron de Overbeck, and D. Welsh, Esq.

**Committee.**—According to the Rules of the Chamber, the term of office of the present Committee expires at this meeting, and a new election must take place for the current year.

**Secretary.**—Mr. Blakeman having tendered his resignation to the Committee as Secretary to the Chamber, on account of his departure from China, the same has been accepted, and Dr. N. B. Denney has been elected to the vacancy which exists.

**Library.**—The Library has received the valuable donation from Dr. Eitel of a copy of Sir Macdonald Stephenson's Sketch Map of Railways in China, of which only a few copies are now in existence. [Here follows a list of books, &c.]

**Funds.**—The Secretary's Account Current for the year ending December 31st, 1875, has been audited by Messrs. Kerr and Hassell, and is annexed herewith. A slight falling off in the revenue for the current year will result from the resignations of the past two years, but otherwise there is no material change to report, except a slight increase which has taken place in the circulation of the Fortnightly Market Report published by the Chamber. A credit balance of \$100.25 is brought forward for the current year, and the Fixed Deposit of \$5,000 remains on interest with the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank until November next, at 6 per cent per annum. The Fixed Deposit of \$1,500.25, with the accrued interest to March 26th, 1875, \$68.01, remains at 5 per cent as last reported.

P. RYRIE, Chairman.

## SUPREME COURT.

### IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before Mr. Justice Snowdon.)

February 3, 1876.

WHITALL AND LINSTEAD V. THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, \$13,000.

This case was tried without a Jury and was a suit by the plaintiffs as Trustees for the estate of the late firm of A. Heard & Co. to recover the proceeds or value of 130 shares in the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on which a loan had been obtained from the bank, and which the bank retained on the failure of Messrs. A. Heard & Co.

The Attorney General, the Hon. Mr. Bramston, and Mr. Kingsmill, instructed by Messrs. Caldwell & Brewster, appeared for the plaintiffs, and

Mr. Haylar, Q.C., instructed by Messrs. Sharp, Toller & Johnson, for the Bank.

This case came on again to-day.

Mr. Haylar resumed his argument for the defendant. He called attention to the fact that a private letter having been written by Mr. Linstead on the 9th September 1875 to Mr. Greig demanding the return of the shares, and to the fact of their being sold on the 10th October last. He then proceeded to cite cases—*Cherry v. the National Bank of Australia*, contending that the Bank did not hold the shares on security but that the advance was made on the hypothecation of merchandise.

He next quoted the case of *Agnes v. the South Australian Bank*, and argued that apart from the bank's lien on the shares, the bank had drawn power under article 28 of the deed of association to sell and transfer. Article 28 was an instrument of conveyance, an instrument of charge and an instrument of title. It was a mortgage, thing for a party to obtain accommodation and then to turn round after having had the money to impeach the transaction. The consequences of such a proceeding would be serious, for if the bank had sold the shares to A. and from A. to B. then to C. and D. the whole transaction would have been invalid, and upon whom then could D. come? Mr. Haylar next referred to the cases of the *Adelphi Railway Company* and *Ferguson v. Cameron*. Touching the claim of the plaintiffs on the ground of damages, he said the bank was in point of fact asked to pay money to people who owed money to it. After further argument, witnesses were called.

Mr. A. E. Ope, Assistant Accountant in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, was called. He had made out the accounts for the trustees in the estate of the late A. Heard & Co. and the estate of I. and J. were forwarded to them by the 15th October 1875. It is a copy of account sent from our London office dated 4th October, and received here 27th November. The current account was not under my charge. The man in whose charge it was had gone to Shanghai. The account I is a statement of the Bank's claim on A. Heard & Co.'s account. I is a memo. of Pearson & Co.'s acceptance outstanding on 30th April 1875.

Cross examined, 1st, took the item about No. 2 account in memo. I from the 15th of 1875. I know that 8 per cent interest was charged on \$13,000 up to the 19th April, and 1 per cent allowed on the current account. On the 12th March a cheque was drawn for \$13,000, and on the 21st another cheque

for \$6,000. 8 per cent on \$19,000 was charged for 25 days, and 5 per cent on \$13,000 for 19 days. As to the rate of interest on overdraft accounts, I do not know.

Mr. James Greig, Chief Manager of the H. K. S. Bank, was examined.—Some day in April, Mr. Parker came to me to apply in general terms for an advance. He has been a very old customer of the Bank. We had a conversation, lasting a few minutes, but I cannot remember the exact words of the general purport was a request for a loan on some shares. China, Trinidad, Victoria, Pines, Steamboat, and Bank Shares. I told him that I would not accept China Shares, but would take the other shares. I believe, I told him that I could not advance on Bank shares. I must have said so, because we never do advance on Bank shares. No. 2 account was opened for convenience sake, book-keeping convenience. \$13,000 was drawn from No. 1 account and was credited to No. 2 account. I agreed upon giving Mr. Parker the advance on the Fire and Steamboat shares, amount not to exceed \$6,000.

I agreed to allow him to draw on No. 2 account to the extent of \$13,000, because he had 130 shares in the Bank. I made no arrangement as to the scrip of these Bank shares. There was no agreement of hypothecation. The scrip was sent to the Bank the next day with a letter, together with a cheque for \$13,000. I retained the scrip, because the cheque had been paid. No. 2 account was opened by mutual agreement. It is not the ordinary way of doing business.

Mr. Haylar proposed to call witness attention to an item of 30th April 1875, in the memo. I, which was forwarded to the trustees of A. Heard & Co.'s estate by the bank in October last. It was there stated "as per agreement."

The Attorney General objected. Objection overruled and noted.

Witness.—The agreement was in reference to documentary bills drawn on Pearson & Co. by A. Heard & Co. There were a large number of bills drawn on Pearson & Co. by A. Heard & Co. outstanding documents on which they were drawn were in the Bank's hands. I initiated this fact to the trustees, and that I declined to realise the claims for these bills. It was ultimately agreed that I should realise the proceeds without prejudice to my rights at the date. This agreement was made with Mr. Linstead for himself, and on behalf of his co-trustees. The document placed in my hands is a copy of the letter I received from Mr. Linstead. It is a correct copy, the original is in the office.

The A. G. said it was a letter marked private.

Mr. Haylar remarked that he regarded it as particularly public with reference to the Bank.

Cross-examined.—I saw Mr. Linstead in reference to these letters subsequently. I understood they were written in a friendly sort of way. (Scrip placed in Mr. Greig's hand.) They were cancelled, but I gave no order to cancel them. The cancelling was unauthorized by me. I am the chief manager. It was done by the transfer clerk in the office. The documents reached him from the accountant. They were delivered to the accountant on the 20th March. The accountant keeps all the papers connected with his department including vouchers. In the ordinary course of business the accountant, if holding any scrip for shares, would pass them on to the transfer clerk to be cancelled. The date of cancelling must be the same as that on which I sold the shares. I sold the shares by order of the Directors. I prepared the transfer deeds (produced). They are the transfer deeds; one was in the name of Mr. Anton, another in that of Mr. Braden and another in that of Mr. Chater. They are all brothers. I sold them the whole 130—to Mr. C. P. Chater, Mr. Robinson was the broker. The shares were afterwards subdivided. I don't think I told either the broker or Mr. Chater that the trustees of A. Heard & Co. claimed these shares. I might have done so, but I don't think I did. I had no intimation that they claimed them except what was intimated in Mr. Linstead's private letter. I don't remember Mr. Linstead having told me by word of mouth that the trustees wished to claim them. I did not hand the scrip to the broker when I entrusted this transaction to him. The instructions I gave to the broker were that I had 130 shares of the Bank at I believe, 10 per cent discount for sale, and he then returned to me afterwards with the name of Mr. Chater. It is like that which I had told the broker, whose shares I was selling. After Mr. Chater's name was given me, the transfer deeds were then prepared. I cannot say why the words "scrip at office" were written on the top of the transfer deeds. They were not there when I signed them. They must have been put in by the transfer clerk. He was not authorised to do so. The words certainly would not refer to the scrip being deposited by Mr. Parker. I retained the scrip on the first instance because Mr. Parker had drawn the cheque for \$13,000. I did not retain them as security. I offered to give them up to Mr. Linstead. The scrip were sent to me by Mr. Parker in a letter. I retained the scrip of the other shares as security. I did not accept the 130 shares from Mr. Parker as security for \$13,000. If Mr. Parker had said that he offered them to me on a loan of \$13,000, it would be untrue. I took the security of the other shares. I did not accept the scrip of the Bank shares as security because they would be valueless to me; I had the control of these shares already. I would not advance money that was to people who were not shareholders, and I am the habit of advancing money, and I am the holder of the Bank and trust in their shares. This had been the practice before I became Chief Manager in 1871. I have received Bank transfer deeds from shareholders who got loans from the Bank. Sometimes they were returned to the shareholders on the repayment of the loans. I do not think any share had been under circumstances like that had been sold for non-payment. I had sold in some instances shares under instructions from the proprietors themselves. The proceeds of the sale were devoted to the purpose as instructed by the shareholder. The present sale (A. Heard & Co.'s shares) was the first instance of a sale under article 28. The No. 2 account was not opened with the object of getting eight per cent interest, but that had been the result. I have always charged 8 per cent on No. 2 account, though there was a large amount at credit of general account. We charge interest at different rates—8, 6, or 40 per cent, at the rate we charge on the balance of the borrower and the nature of the security.

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Nobody is allowed to overdraw his accounts. Messrs. A. Heard would not have been allowed to overdraw their accounts unless I knew I was covered. I realised the produce without prejudice to our right to claim these bills, but I have nothing to do with the plaintiff's rights to dispute our rights. I use the word "without prejudice" in reference to my rights only, and not to the plaintiff's. By "without prejudice," I mean I advanced money to shareholders, not those who borrowed money for the purpose of buying shares. I had in my mind article 28. I am bound by article 28 to issue fresh scrip under circumstances mentioned there.

By the Court.—I would advance money to shareholders because they were shareholders, as I have control over their shares under article 28.

The Court was then adjourned till 2.45 p.m.

When the Court resumed, Mr. Haylar continued, and urged that the lien of the bank on the shares existed the moment they were bought. The scrip for the shares were of no use whatever to the bank which held a lien on the shares already, and they had been offered back by Mr. Greig to the shareholders.

The Attorney General then rose to reply. They had now arrived at a series of circumstances. Messrs. A. Heard & Co. had been a customer for a long time, but on the 20th April the firm was not allowed to overdraw a single cent without security, so that Mr. Parker had to get a loan on the deposit of scrip of shares. Yet the Court was asked to believe that the \$13,000 were not advanced on the security of 130 shares. It was possible that the articles of association of Banking Corporations contained a clause similar to Article No. 28, but they would never find a clause which prohibited the bank from advancing on its own shares. Article 14 being so stringent in language, was it possible that a shareholder could obtain loans in the way Mr. Greig described? He regarded the opening of the account No. 2 as being made with the object of getting interest, calling attention at the same time to the large amount at credit of A. Heard & Co. in the current account. The rate of interest charged against A. Heard & Co. was 8 per cent, which that allowed to them as a current deposit was 1 per cent. He contended that according to Mr. Greig himself, whose evidence was undoubted on the point, it was admitted that he kept the scrip as security for the cheque of \$13,000.

His Lordship asked whether the A. G. could advance anything on the point why the bank kept the scrip.

The A. G. said the object no doubt was to prevent the scrip being used outside.

His Lordship said this was a precaution. The A. G. said precaution was only another word for security.

Finally his Lordship reserved judgment.

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ON THURSDAY, the 10th February, 1876, at Noon, the Company's S. S. ANADYX, Commandant DE BUTLER, with 100 PASSENGERS, SPELDS, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above place.  
Cargo and Speels will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.  
Shipping orders will be granted till noon. Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Speels and Parcels until 3 p.m., on the 9th February, 1876. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)  
Contents and value of Packages are required.  
For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.  
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Acting Agent.  
Hongkong, February 2, 1876. tel10

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G. B. EMORY, Acting Agent.  
Hongkong, January 31, 1876. tel15

## NOTICE.

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Ladies' Jackets and Mantillas.  
Fancy Dress materials of all kinds.  
Wool Plaids and Flannels.  
Silks and Poplins.  
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Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats and Bonnets.  
Fancy Wool Goods.  
Lace and Linen Sets.  
Scarves and Sashes.  
Boys' Suits.  
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&c., &c., &c.

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THE CHINESE READER'S MANUAL.

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Hongkong, January 5, 1876.

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Quarts, 12 per case (1 dozen.)

Price, 41s.

5 per cent. discount on 25 cases.

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12 per case (1 dozen.)

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Hongkong, June 23, 1876.

## Insurance.

## QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premiums.

EDWARD NORTON & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

## YANG-TZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS, 800,000 TAIW.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the world at current rates.

This Association will, until further notice, provide out of the earnings, first for an interest Dividend of 15% to Shareholders on Capital, and thereafter distributed among Policy holders, annually, in cash, ALL the Profits of the Underwriting Business pro rata to amount of premium contributed.

RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, July 9, 1872.

## LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Underigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods in Mats, on Goods on Board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Insurance will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class lives up to \$1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to

ARNOLD, KARRER & Co.,  
Agents Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1871.

## THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEE.

JAS. B. COUGHRAN,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

## MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Underigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

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INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF His Majesty King George The Third, A. D. 1720.

THE Underigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

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HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

## CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World, in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association. Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premiums contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYPLANT & Co.,  
General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

## YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

NOTICE.

AFTER this date, the above Association will allow a Brokerage of Thirty-three and One Third per cent. (33 1/3%) on Local Risks only.

RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, June 3, 1874.

## MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underigned Agents are in receipt of instructions from the Board of Directors authorizing them to issue Policies to the extent of \$110,000 on any one class risk, or to the extent of \$25,000 on adjoining risks at current rates.

A Discount of 20% allowed.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 8, 1876.

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## THE SOUTH-AUSTRALIAN INSURANCE COMPANY, ADELAIDE.

CAPITAL—\$200,000.

THE Underigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, China and Japan, are prepared to issue Policies of Marine Insurance, payable in "Admiralty" London, Calcutta, Bombay, Mauritius, China and Japan at current rates.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, September 2, 1875.

## VICTORIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HONGKONG LIMITED.

IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons holding Warrants against unclaimed Dividends, Interest, or Bonus, are requested to present same for payment at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank before the 1st April, 1876, otherwise their claims will not be recognised.

ADOLF ANDRE,  
F. D. SASSOON,  
Liquidators.

Hongkong, December 20, 1875. apl

## THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE CO.

THE Underigned having been appointed Agent, in Hongkong, for the above-named Company, is prepared to grant Policies against Fire, on Buildings and on Goods to the extent of \$10,000, at the usual rates, subject to an immediate discount of 20%.

Attention is invited to a considerable reduction in Premiums for Life Insurance in China.

Life Policies effected during the year 1875, share in the Bonus to be declared on 31st December for the quinquennial period then ending.

A. MACG. HEATON,  
Agents.

Hongkong, September 27, 1875.

## NORTH BRITISH &amp; MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1806.

CAPITAL \$2,000,000.

THE Underigned Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of \$10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, July 9, 1870.

## ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

MELOHERS & Co.,  
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

## Intimations.

NOTICE.

In the Goods of GEORGE BARTY FALCONER, Deceased.

ALL Persons having any CLAIMS against the above Estate are requested to send in Particulars of the same to the Underigned, on or before the 28th Day of February, 1876, after which date no Claims will be recognised.

And all Persons being indebted to the said Estate, are requested to make immediate Payment.

I. B. FALCONER,  
Administrator.

Hongkong, December 8, 1875. tel28

## KRUPP'S CAST STEEL WORKS.

Essen (Germany).

Sole Agent for China,  
F. PHIL.

HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, COLOMBO (Germany).

## NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 83.

CHINA SEA.

TAKOW DISTRICT.

FISHER ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE, PENGADORE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the new Light on the S. W. extremity of Fisher Island, near Litchfield Point was exhibited for the first time at sunset of the 20th December. The new Tower has been erected near the old stone one which has since been removed.

The illuminating apparatus is fixed Diagonally of the Fourth Order, showing a White light visible all round except where obscured by the islands.

The Light is elevated 205 feet above the level of the sea, and in clear weather, it should be visible at a distance of 15 nautical miles.

The Tower is round, of iron, 20 feet high, with a total height from its base to the lantern of 85 feet.

The Tower is painted black, and the dwelling and boundary wall will be painted white.

Approximate Position—

Latitude, N. 23° 32' 50"

Longitude, E. 118° 28' 17"

By order of the Inspector General of Customs.

DAVID M. HENDERSON,  
Inspector-General.

Imperial Maritime Customs, Singapore Office.

Amoy, December 30, 1875. tel2

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IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE REDUCTION OF THE PRICE OF THE "SHANGHAI COURIER AND CHINA GAZETTE,"

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INCREASE OF CIRCULATION

MAY BE CONFIDENTLY ANTICIPATED, THE ADVANTAGE TO

ADVERTISERS IS OBVIOUS.

## HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

NOTICE.

THE Post of Secretary being about to become vacant, Applications for the same addressed to the Chairman will be received up to the 25th Instant. Salary \$1,500 per annum.

Hongkong, January 13, 1876.

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